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Section II: REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the changes as noted above in Section I be made to the present application.

In the above referenced Office Action, which was mailed on 12/8/2004, claims 1, 9 and 17 were objected to and it was suggested to delete the term "favorites" from "claim 1, line (sic), claim 9, line 13," and claim 17 line 19 and insert "-favorite-" instead. This objection is traversed. There is no statutory reason, or any other reason, given for the suggestion to substitute "favorite" for "favorites" in the claims and applicant believes that such a substitution would render the claims unclear since there is adequate support in the specification for the term "favorites". Further, the noted places in the claims where the term "favorites" is not complete as set forth in the Office Action, i.e. the term "favorites" also appears in claim 1, lines 7, 9 and 14, and in claim 9, lines 13, 16 and 21, and in claim 17, lines 19, 20, 22 and 27. To change the appearances of the term "favorites" in the places noted in the Office Action but not in the other locations would, a fortiori, render the claims less clear rather than more clear. Thus, as hereinbefore noted, in view of the adequate support in the specification for the term "favorites" in the claims, and in view of the lack of a reason for the stated objection, it is submitted that the use of the term "favorites" is acceptable and even required, and there is no basis for the stated objection, and the objection should be withdrawn.

Next, claims 1-6, 8-14 and 16-17 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Goshen, U.S. Publication Number US 2001/0029527 A1 (hereinafter referred to as "Goshen"). The above noted rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to

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further the prosecution of the present application, and without waiving any of applicant's rights to argue the allowability of the originally presented claims in a subsequent appeal or other proceeding in the event that the Examiner does not concur that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, applicant has herein amended and clarified the claims to place them in condition for allowance over the cited references.

It is noted that with the stated cancellations of claims 3-4 and 11-12 in present amendment, the present application includes claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-10, 13-14 and 16-17, with claims 1, 9 and 17 being independent claims, and claims 2, 5-6 and 8 being ultimately dependent from claim 1 and claims 10, 13-14 and 16 being ultimately dependent from claim 9.

Independent claims 1, 9 and 17 have herein been amended to clarify that, in accordance with the present invention, a copy of a favorites list is displayed to a user on a first area of a display screen and a virtual history list is displayed to the user in a second area of the display screen. The user is enabled to select from items in the displayed favorites list and insert those selected items into the displayed virtual history list, and the newly created virtual history list is then inserted into the browser history function so that the user can use the back and forward arrows of the browser which appear on the display screen to move through the modified history list. This methodology enables a user to avoid repeating a history path that may include one or more sites which were not relevant to a specific subject and, instead, move through the modified history file which only includes files that were considered relevant to the user and which were placed in order through the creation of the virtual history file. By inserting the virtual history file or list into

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the browser history function, the user is enabled to move through the customized history list (which includes the virtual history list created by the user) using only the back and forward arrows or indicia on the browser screen.

As noted above, Claims 3-4 and 11-12 have herein been cancelled without prejudice with the substance of those claims being included in one or more of the remaining claims.

The newly cited Goshen reference discloses a system in which the appearance of the browser screen changes depending upon the URL or website address being visited. With the present invention, the appearance of the browser screen does not change for different website addresses and the creation and insertion of the virtual history list is totally independent of and does not depend upon which website the browser is visiting. Thus Goshen is not designed to and cannot accomplish the stated objective of the present invention.

Goshen does not disclose the claimed elements or the claimed relationships among those elements as set forth in the currently amended claims. Goshen does not disclose, teach or even suggest creating a virtual history list and inserting that virtual history list into a browser's history function so that the back and forward arrows or indicia of the browser may be used to enable "single click" navigation to adjacent websites as listed in the user created virtual history list portion of the browser's history function. Goshen discloses nothing which would even correspond to applicant's creation of a virtual history list by a user and the insertion of that virtual list into an actual history list of a history function of a browser program as is clearly recited in the independent claims as herein amended. Since Goshen does not disclose, teach or even suggest the

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combination as set forth in independent claims 1, 9 and 17 as herein amended, it is submitted that claims 1, 9 and 17 are allowable over Goshen. Further, it is submitted that since the remaining independent claims include all of the limitations of one of the amended independent claims in addition to even further features as set forth in the dependent claims themselves, it is submitted that the remaining dependent claims 2, 5-6, 8, 10, 13-14 and 16, as well as the independent claims 1 and 9 from which they ultimately depend, are allowable under 35 USC 102(e) over the Goshen reference.

Thus, it is submitted that claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-10, 13-14 and 16-17, as herein presented, are believed to be in condition for allowance, an early notice of which is hereby requested. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting the allowance of this application, and especially if one or more new references are cited, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below, prior to the issuance of another Office Action, in order to allow the applicant the opportunity to further amend the claims by Supplemental Amendment or Examiner's Amendment, as may be appropriate, to place the claims in condition for allowance. The Examiner's attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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